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Public Warming Station (01/02/22-01/06/22) & Storm Shelters

ANNISTON, AL -- The City of Anniston asks that everyone please be aware of potential freezing temperatures beginning Sunday, January 2nd and continuing throughout next week. **In light of the weather conditions, a public warming station will be available at the Carver Community Center (720 W 14th St, Anniston, AL 36201). The warming station will open Sunday, January 2nd, at 5:00 PM and it will remain open until Thursday, January 6th, at 7:00 AM.** Please note, in the event of forecasted temperatures rising, the public warming station may close earlier than January 6th.

This warming station effort is being led by the City of Anniston's Community Task Force on Homelessness. The Anniston City Council established the Community Homelessness Task Force to provide policies, plans, and programs to facilitate and coordinate efforts among community partners to improve the response to the homeless population.

For more information on the warming station, please contact the Carver Community Center at: 256-231-7630. If you are interested in donating meals and/or assisting in meal preparations for the warming station, please contact Ms. Diane Smith at 704-904-8774.

Furthermore, please be mindful of tonight's weather conditions, as an **Enhanced Risk of a severe storm is projected for Wednesday, Dec. 29th from 7:00 PM - 6:00 AM.** Threats include damaging straight line winds up to 70 MPH and tornadoes are a possibility.

The Calhoun County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will continue to monitor the weather situation and the EOC will activate under a tornado watch. If you need anything from the EOC please contact them at: 256-435-0540. For more information please visit: <https://www.weather.gov/bmx/>.

To view our local storm shelters, please see the information below or use the map linked here: <https://bit.ly/3mHiDdi>.

STORM SHELTER LOCATIONS

Jacksonville Public Safety Complex 911 Public Safety Dr. Jacksonville, AL 36265	Oxford Saferoom-DeArmanville 52 DeArmanville Rd, Oxford, AL 36203
Webster's Chapel 1552 AP Hollingsworth Rd, Wellington	Piedmont Saferoom 700 Tom Bible Highway, Piedmont, AL 36272 (also known as AL HWY 200)
White Plains Saferoom 12900 Highway 9, Piedmont, AL	Oxford Saferoom-DeArmanville 52 DeArmanville Rd, Oxford, AL 36203
Ohatchee Saferoom 2440 Harts Ferry Rd Ohatchee, AL	Thankful Park - Anniston 3162 14th S West, Anniston, AL 36201
Oxford Saferoom-Bynum 2011 Bynum Blvd. Eastaboga, AL	Saks High School 4401 Saks Rd, Anniston, AL 36206